

UPPER VALLEY PARISHES – BULLETIN

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, 113 Upper Plain, Bradford, VT 05033

Parish Office Hours: **Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

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MASS SCHEDULE: Weekend: **Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 10:00 AM**

Weekday: Monday & Tuesday: 8:30 AM

Organist: **Irene Drew, Tel: 603-960-0350**

PPC: DRE: **Ginny Flynn, Tel: 603-787-6049**

PFC: **Patricia Clark, Tel: 802-222-4427**

MISSIONARY CHURCHES:

St. Eugene Church

10 center St. Wells River, VT 05081

Weekend Mass: **Saturday: 4:00 PM**

PPC:, Sacristan: **William O'Malley, Tel: 802-757-2870**

EM: Lector: **Maggie Carr, Tel: 603-989-0087**

PFC: **Daniel Leonard, Tel: 802-584-3887**

Our Lady of Light Chapel

203 Rt.132 South Strafford, VT 05070

Weekend Mass: **Sunday: 8:00 AM**

PPC:, Sacristan: **Siobhan Lopez, Tel: 802-765-4387**

PFC: **Thomas Essex, Tel: 802-765-4118**

St. Francis of Assisi Church

75 Beaver Meadow Rd. Norwich, VT 05055, P.O. Box 1216

Weekend: **Sunday: 9:00 AM**; Parish Assistant:

DRE: **Fran De Gasta, Tel: 802-649-3533**; Organist: **Ed Mekus,**

Tel: **603-790-8096**; PPC: **Wendy Piper, PFC: Carla Vincent**



We collect food for poor families in OLPH Church

PRAYER FOR THE SICK,

intention: Diane O'G...



Lord Jesus, when you were on earth, they brought the sick to you and you healed them all. Today I ask you to bless all those in sickness, in weakness and in pain. Almighty God, as we ask your help for our brothers and sisters who are ill, we ask you to help us to be healing people in our time and place. May your love touch others through us, and may I help all people to live in peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LET US PRAY for God's blessing to

the three young parishioners of Bradford Church, receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 31... Cora Flynn, Darcy O'Tonnell, and Sam Flynn.

SACRAMENTS: Reconciliation: Before Mass; Baptism: Contact One month in advance; Marriage: Contact the parish at least six month in advance.



What is All Souls Day?

November 2 is the Commemoration of All of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls. On this day, we pray that all those who have died — our loved ones, and also those people around the world who we will never meet — through the mercy of God, will rest in peace. Merciful Father, on this day, we are called to remember those who have died, particularly those who have died in the past year, and pray for their joyful reunion with you, their loving creator. Names we will never know, Voices we have never heard, in lands we may never visit, yet brothers and sisters all. For victims of AIDS, Malaria, Ebola, Covid - 19 and other infectious diseases, who died before adequate care could reach them, we pray ... And so we pray in Jesus' name ... *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, Et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen*

Upcoming Birthday for Gloria Thomas - card party. I spoke to Jean Essex-Linehan and she gave me an update on Gloria Thomas. Her 95th birthday is coming up on Nov 2 and Jean suggested we send her cards. Many parishioners have inquired about her. Jean and her sister Mary visit Gloria once a week. For a few of you who have not met Gloria, she is a long time parishioner at St Francis. Gloria is the most cheerful person I think I have met. To know her is to love her. So, I am hoping we can send her a shower of birthday cards to celebrate her upcoming Birthday On NOVEMBER 2. Her address is: 24 Starlake Lane, P.O. Box 550, Norwich, VT. I know she will appreciate getting them. THANKS IN ADVANCE! (In Bradford Nov. 3, Mass for Her, 8:30 AM) Ps. I am sure she would also like homemade cards from the children in our parish. That could be considered a CCD activity as well. Thank you, Fran De Gasta & Fr. Andrew

CHRIST OUR HOPE - Parish Campaign Details:

OLPH - Goal: \$69,595; potential share: \$38,973.

St. Francis Assisi - Goal: \$31,364; potential share: \$17,564.; St. Eugene - Goal: \$13,603; potential share: \$7,618.; OLOL - Goal \$12,381; Potential share: \$6,933.

NOVEMBER 1, 2020 * 31 Sunday-Solemnity of All Saints

Christ Our Hope Progress As of 10-25, 2020

OLPH - Goal: \$69,595.00 \$4,050.00 (\$65,545.00) 5,8%
ACTUAL Goal: \$1,651,883. THANK YOU DONORS!

OLPH - Fuel Raffle Tickets: Winner for October: \$ 50.00, To: Bruce Barbieri, 1696 Menchester Rd Glastonbury, CT 06033-1837. CONGRATULATIONS! Collection Sep. 28.20, Total: \$10,105. Thank you!

2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PARISH PROGRESS: 10/16/2020

OLPH-overall goal: \$15,907.00; actual: \$6,815.00; to Goal =43%
OLOL-overall goal: \$2,143.00; actual: \$1,105.00; to Goal =52%
St. Eugene-overall goal: \$4,487.00; actual: \$3,005.00; to Goal =67%
St. Francis A.- overall goal: \$6,397.00; actual: \$7,230.00; to Goal =113%



NOVEMBER - the month of prayer for our deceased relatives

SUNDAY OFFERTORY COLLECTION - OCT. 24 -25;

OLPH: Collect: Sat. \$219.00; Sun. \$717.00;

St. Eugene: Collect: Sat. \$199.00; Priest Benefit, \$27.00;

St. Francis Assisi: Sun. \$375.00; OLOL: Sun. \$95.00;



MESSAGE FROM DIOCESE

Office of the Bishop: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains lifted until further notice, especially if you are part of a vulnerable population and/or have an underlying health condition. Please approach the celebration of Mass with charity and love for our clergy and faith community by following the protocols: Stay home if you are sick or not feeling well. Wear a mask in Mass. Sanitize your hands upon entry. Due to shortages of sanitizer, please bring your own if possible. Sit in designated pews and respect social distance between others of 6 feet or more unless you are one family unit. Refrain from congregating in tight areas or entering cordoned off areas. Follow the protocols to receive Holy Communion as directed at Mass. While these protocols are intrusive, they are necessary as they allow us to celebrate the sacraments in person while doing our part to help stop the spread of coronavirus. **Thank you.**



All Saints' Day
Masses in the order of Sunday, & All Souls' Day Bradford at 8:30 A.M.

Many Catholic churches in the United States celebrate All Saints' Day to honor all the saints, particularly those who do not have their own special feast day, on November 1. Is All Saints' Day a Public Holiday? All Saints' Day is not a public holiday. It falls on Sunday, November 1, 2020 and most businesses follow regular Sunday opening hours in the United States. What Do People Do? All Saints' Day is also known as All Hallows Tide, All-Hallowmas, or All Hallows' Day, and it's celebrated in many areas of the United States, especially where there are large Roman Catholic populations. In New Orleans, for example, people gather in local cemeteries and decorate the graves with flowers. The descendants of French Canadian settlers around St Martinsville, Louisiana, observe this day in the traditional French manner by laying wreaths and bouquets and lighting candles on even the most obscure graves. All Saints' Day, which is celebrated globally, is closely tied with All Souls' Day, which was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny, France in 993 CE and quickly spread among Christians. Some eastern churches in the United States celebrated All Saints' Day on the first Sunday after Pentecost, Day After Halloween. All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day are also closely linked with Halloween, which is a shortened for the name "All Hallows' Eve". In the United Methodist Church, All Saints' Day is observed on the first Sunday in November to remember deceased members of the local church congregation. A candle is lit as each person's name is called out, followed by a prayer offered for each soul. Many Latin American communities in the United States hold celebrations around November 1 and 2, linking with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day (November 2). These celebrations are part of the Day of the Dead, also known as Dia de los Muertos. Public Life. All Saints' Day is not a federal public holiday in the United States. Background. According to some sources, the idea for All Saints' Day goes back to the fourth century when the Greek Christians kept a festival on the first Sunday after Pentecost (in late May or early June) in honor of all martyrs and saints. Other sources say that a commemoration of "All Martyrs" began to be celebrated as early as 270 CE, but no specific month or date is recorded. Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day an authorized holiday in 837 CE. It is speculated that the chosen date for the event, November 1, may have been an attempt to supplant pagan festivals that occurred around the same time. Symbols commonly associated with All Saints' Day are: A sheaf of wheat. Rayed Manus Dei (hand of God). The crown. Symbols / images of saints. The liturgical color is white on All Saints' Day.